

Daphne's Board Report
November 16, 2009

12th grade PSSA retests were completed. All materials were inventoried and shipped back to DRC for scoring. Those results should be available to us some time in the next month or so. Students not meeting proficiency are enrolled in a remediation class in order to meeting the state's requirements for graduation. Our literacy coach will also be traveling to SUN-CTC in order to provide instruction to students at vo-tech who have also not met the state's requirements for proficiency.

Several meetings were held with the high school principals to talk about plans for school improvement. Specifically, these meetings include the organization of a school improvement team that will consist of members of the curriculum council, as well as additional volunteers. I am excited that I have already been approached by several members of the high school faculty who want to make sure they receive information about meeting dates, because they want to be involved. Our focus so far has been literacy and reading across all content areas. This committee will collaborate on future priorities and needs for professional development.

We completed another round of 4Sight testing for grades three through eight. High school will have their second round of testing during the first week of December.

Several meetings have been held with the technology department to continue planning for much needed immediate and future technology upgrades. Specifically, one of our immediate priorities is the wireless situation at the high school. We have had two walk-throughs in the high school so far in order to find out where are areas of weakness lie. Those areas of weakness will be addressed immediately in order to provide students with a solid structure for network connectivity. Any new equipment purchases will also be utilized in the new high school. We are looking very closely at specifications for the new high school, as well as what is needed across the district in order to improve the state of technology district wide.

We continue our implementation of Alert Now. We will soon begin testing the software for attendance calls. Nicci has organized a timeline of events to bring each school on one at a time. This will involve making recordings with principals and training secretaries how to run the daily attendance call process.

To date we have completed 590 SchoolDude requests.